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Thursday, March 20, 1884. A COWARDLY House of Representatives. THE free bridge question will not down. WHAT has become of our boasted Ameri-

Now let us see who will vote to give the whisky men millions of dollars.

THE House of Representatives to Bis marck-Do it some more. We like to be

Ir was a bad move on Mr. Curtin's part when he attempted to apply the gag on the Lasker resolution yesterday. A MARYLAND court has decided that

horse-racing is gambling under the law. That won't prevent it all the same, THE Senate should amend the Naval Appropriation bill and give Mr. Chandler all the money he asks for. The service re-

quires it. WHY even the American hog squeals when Bismarck twists his tail. The American Representative takes a kicking without

WE have hitherto condemned what we regarded as the lack of independence in our State Department in dealing with foreign affairs, but Mr. Frelinghuyson's action on the Lasker resolution cannot fail to commend itself to all. The action of the House of Representatives, on the other hand, will meet the unqualified condomnation of all thoughtful Americans.

THE fact that Bismarck is doubling the Navy of Germany seems to alarm some of our exchanges. Gentle exchanges, rest assured that this increase of the German Navy doesn't mean war with the United States. Quite the reverse. If Bismarck had any hostile intentions toward our country he would, with that magnanimity which is latent in every human heart, immediately decrease his Navy to about one-twentieth of its present efficiency.

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we have a tiff selling its ships of war, then we can prepare for business and caulk up the few remaining washtubs which represent our military marine and get ready for the inevitable-which is, in this respect, destruction.

"The Critic" Wants to Know-Whether Secretary Folger is not sorry he ever interfered with the alleged Cuban banditti who came to capture America with fourteen men, six women and five naked babies. Whether the illumination on the Washingon Monument will help us to find the lamp posts that are alleged to illuminate the streets, but are really lest in the darkness. Who the District Republicans will send to

Chicago.

When the building boom is going to begin.

Whether Langston will be arrested.

Whether the street improvements this spring are fairly divided between the different sec-tions of the city.

Whether pool-playing for drinks can be

proken up any more successfully than the more extensive forms of gambling. Whether Washington has not had her share of rain during the last few weeks. What good can come of a Democratic caucus on the Morrison bill.

"The Critte" Wants to See-Work commenced on the Light Infantry

Armory.

What Bismarck's hireling organs will have to say about Ochlitree's effective and convincing speech. The three important Treasury vacancies niled.

The Civil-Service principles extended to the lower grades of employes in all the Departments. Judge Snell succeed in his war upon the

practice of carrying firearms.
General interest awakened in the romantic scenery about Washington by the striking paintings of Rock Creek and the river and the hills around the city at the Art Club recep-

Lively times on the Potomac when the boating season fairly opens.

The Kilbourn-Thompson suit finally settled at the present trial.

Captain Schley's views consulted on the subject of a reward for finding Lieutenant Greely. General Grant's rapid recovery amid his familiar surroundings and good friends in

The Pastor's Return

The reception tendered to Mev. J. C. Hagey, baster of North Capitol M. E. Church, took dace last evening, and notwithstanding the palace last evening, and notwithstanding the uniavorable weather, quite a large company of friends gathered to welcome back for another year the pastor whom they all love. The choir rendered an excellent opening, after which the Rev. Dr. Huntley, pastor of the choir population Church, effected prayer. This was followed with another selection from the choir. Dr. Huntley then, in behalf of the members of North Capitol Church, welcomed the return of their pastor, defining beautifully the relation between pastor and people, and said he firmly believed that the people appreciated the work and influence of their pastor, or else they would never have asked for his return. He was glad to have the privilege of speaking it such an humble little church and to share with the people in this kindly expression of love, for no one knew how a pastor loved his people but they who were pastors. pression of love, for no one knew how a pastor loved his people but they who were pastors. The Kev. Hagey, although physically afficted, has powerful mental faculties, and this with a heart overflowing with love for his members and congregation, made a beautiful response, thanking the Doctor for his kind words and the members for their appreciation or his services during the past year. He closed with asking God to continue to bloss his motiving the continue year. The choir was the recipient of a resolution of thanks passed by the Beard of Trustees for their acrivices during the past year. The people kindly appreciate the interest manifested by Dr. Huntley and express the wish that he call again. After singing the doxology and receiving the benediction the company diported much pleased with the evening entertainment.



Conference Appointments.

At the Conference of the Methodist Church South, in Ealtimore, yesterday, the following appointments were made for the Weshington District; J. S. Gardner, P. E. Washington city—Mount Vernen Flace, S. K. Cox; J. W. Beteler, ann. Alexandris—John A. Econ. Fells Church—S. W. Haddaway. Fairtax—D. J. Eutaler. Dranesville—James H. Dulsny, Leesburg—Seamuel Hodigers. Hamilton—J. T. Williams; one to be supplied. Hillsboro—E. H. Henry, G. B. Sutton. Middioburs—O. L. Damesron. Loudons—A. A. F. Neel, J. H. Light, Piccimont—J. H. Wangh, J. D. Martin, L. H. Creakhaw, sap. Linden—Augustus Davieson. Warrenton—I. W. Canter, Tauquier—J. H. Wolfe, Occapian—John C. Jones, Sudley Mission—J. S. Forter; one to be supplied. Stafford—L. M. Lybe; one to be supplied. Stafford—L. M. Lybe; one to be supplied. Erredricksburg—J. S. Hestelinson. 17 E. Boyle, editor Episcopal Methodial. Fredericksbarg J. S. Hatchinson. Br. K. Boyle, editor Episopal Methodist.

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THE MOMENTOUS QUESTION! Concerning Steam Rullroad Tracks

The People of South Washington Deeply Interested.
"Dr. Bittinger, what are your views re garding the removal of the railroad tracks from Virginia and Maryland avenues? Are you in accord with the Morrill bill requir ing their removal to K street?" THE CRITIC inquired of the worthy paster of the West-minster Presbyterian Church, who has been

minster Presbyterian Church, who has been a pronounced opponent for years of the location of the tracks on the avenues named. "Well," he replied, "I guess my views on the subject are pretty well known down here. There is one grand point to be insisted on, and that is the road should be removed to the southern part of the city. Now it is not a question, whether the roads should run through some of the principal streets of the city or not come to the city at all. No; that is not the question. They would have us believe so; but it is not. They say to us, 'Here you are acting like the dog in the manger. You ask us to come to the city and yet you won't let us run through your streets. But we don't ask them to come to the city and occupy two of our best streets, so that the social, 'religious and business ir terests of a large part of our citizens are seriously distance. occupy two of our best streets, so that the social, religious and business interests of a large part of our citizens are seriously disturbed. No, indeed. We ask them to come here and run through the city by a route that is most convenient to them and least injurious to our city. The counsel for the B. & P. say they do not want legislation. Of course they do not. They are very well satisfied. I said when they obtained permission to occupy these avenues and rau down Sixth street, that it would be a hard job to get them away. They are on these avenues and on the reservations solely by sufferance. They have no right of their own to be there. They can be removed from Sixth street at any time. I remember very well when the bill was passed allowing the road to build its depot on Sixth street. The land was granted on condition that it could revert to the Government at any time. A number of Congressmen exclaimed: 'Why, are you going to give them the land? Way don't you sell it to them?' But if it had been sold then the road would have been settled there for all time to come. It was wisely decided to grant it to the road with the condition that it could be taken back gain. These people along these avenues, "the speaker continued, pointing in the direction of Maryland and Virginia avenues, "all have vested rights. Their rights are invaded by these roads. These rights should be respected. Now they talk of building a union depot, I see by the Gorman bill, somewhere between Fir.5 and Fourteenth streets, on one of these avenues. Where can they find a place? But if they will go down to the southern part of the city they can find plenty of ground and at

where can they find a place? But if they will go down to the southern part of the city they can find plenty of ground and at a comparatively trifling figure. Up here they will have to pay from 75 cents to \$1 a foot. Down there they can get it at from 8 to 10 or 12 cents a foot. The people could get to a depot down there as easily as they can to the Sixth-street depot. The same lines of street cars will take them there."

"Would you insist, as the Morrill bill does, on the tracks being elevated?"

"No, I think the people would be satisfied if they were placed on the level. The main point is to get them down there, and the people there would welcome them. The removal would benefit this part of South Washington, and while the tracks down there would injure some property-owners, the location of the Union Depot there would increase the value of real estate in the vicinity."

vicinity."
In corclusion the Doctor said: "The people down here have been aroused almost to desperation about this matter." Opinions of Other Citizens.

Mr. Henry Wex, dealer in notions and household articles, No. 429 Seventh street southwest, on being asked his opinion regarding the injury he suffered from the location of the tracks on Maryland and Virginia avenues, said that his property and business had depreciated considerably in consequence.

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"The people here," he said, "have come to look upon agitation as about hopeless. So many meetings have been called, and so many petitions been circulated without any effect, that at last we have despaired of having anything done to relieve us. They say that it is useless to fight the railroads; they have too much money for us. There's one man I know of who declared to me that he would sign no more papers. 'But,' he said, 'I will be one of a thousand to take off my coat at any time and help tear up the d—d tracks.' Well, sir, that's just the way we feel about it. We feel as though talk was useless. We've talked so much. There's no doubt about the people being unanimous in desiring the tracks removed."

While pursuing his inquiries THE CRITIC reporter met Dr. O'Connor, whose opinion

"What! You stirring up that subject again? Why, of course we want the tracks taken away. I see that the counsel for the taken away. I see that the counsel for the B. & O. has proposed inasmuch as the B. & P. won't consent to the B. & O. running over their tracks that the B. & O. run down E street. Now, that will not do at all. That was suggested some time ago, and so vigorously opposed by the citizens that it was killed. It won't do to start that project again."

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vigorously opposed by the citizens that it was killed. It won't do to start that project again."

"The great trouble," remarked a bystander, "is that the people have never been able to unite on any one proposition. A lot of citizens will go up before the committee. Some will advocate one thing and others will say that semething entirely different is what is wauted. The committee would then say, 'Well, gentlemen, what do you want?' There has been no unity of action. Now, the Congressmen come from other places. They are not acquainted with the needs of the city and can hardly be expected to be. They would undoubtedly like to know what the citizens want, but how can they tell when the citizens themselves cannot tell?"

"The Morrill bill," the other remarked, "certainly is the best that has been introduced yet. It would be agood idea to have a meeting down here to indorse it, as it was indorsed over in then ortheast section."

Mr. John L. Cox, grocer. No. 450 E street southwest, said that he thought favorably of the Morrill bill, though he did not think it necessary that the tracks should be elevated. It was an outrage, be thought, that South Washington should be hemmed in on all sides by railroads. It kept that section of the city from growing as it should. It endangered the lives of children going to Sunday-school. It disturbed several church congregations and had a tendency to decrease the attendance. Valuable real estate in the vicinity decame depreziated, and altogether it was an evil that should be removed.

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The death of Dr. A. B. Elliott, United States Consul at Morrisbury, Ontario, occurred last evening at his home in Lansingbury, N.T. Elliott was highly respected and well-known, and his death will be deeply mourned. The state dispres at the White Hours level.

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